

CHAPTER NO. 133

HOUSE BILL NO. 922

By Representatives Langster, Sherry Jones

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1230

By Senators Haynes, Harper, Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-118, relative to university and college campus security.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-118, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(f) (1) Private universities having an enrollment of at least nine thousand (9,000) students and nine thousand (9,000) or more employees, and located within counties having a metropolitan form of government, may also employ and commission security officers under the conditions described in the preceding sub-sections and in this subsection (f), provided the chief law enforcement officer of the metropolitan government in which the private university is located has appointed the security officer a special deputy in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-212, or has appointed the security officer a special police officer.

(2) The chief law enforcement officer of a metropolitan form of government in which the private university is located shall define any geographical limitation on the exercise of police power of the special deputy or special police officer.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the metropolitan government and its chief law enforcement officer shall be immune from any suit by anyone incurring any wrong, injury, loss, damage, or expense resulting from any act or failure to act on the part of any special deputy or special police officer commissioned a security officer by a private university.

(4) No person shall be appointed a special deputy or a special police officer or be commissioned a security officer by a private university unless such person proves to the chief law enforcement officer of the metropolitan government that person's financial responsibility in accordance with the terms of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-303(c).

(5) This provision shall not entitle such officers to any public funding, for training or otherwise.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 5, 1999


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of May 1999


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